AP US History

Chapter 25 Study Guide – Transition to Modern America

*Chapter Summary*

The roaring 20’s was a period of social, artistic, and cultural dynamism. With the U.S. deciding to return to '[Normalcy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normalcy)' in the wake of [World War I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I), many ideas from the era were marked by a general feeling of discontinuity associated with [modernity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modernity), and a break with traditions. During these years the United States prospered from a technology boom but that cloud of prosperity will soon turn dark with the economic crisis of the Great Depression looming.

**Wheels for the Millions**

1. Explain the significance of River Rouge on the car industry?

**The Second Industrial Revolution**

1. Where did the largest growth occur in the production of goods (cite examples)?
2. What influenced the boom in the United States economy?

1. What did the automobile industry rely heavily in order to sell their product on a mass level?
2. Explain the basic weakness of the car industry?
3. What other goods did the car industry influence?
4. What other industry revolutionized consumer goods in the market?
5. How did corporations begin to grow throughout the 1920’s?

1. How did uniformity and standardization occur throughout the United States?
2. Why did farmers suffer during the 1920’s?

1. How did employers weaken labor unions?
2. Below fill out the boxes about economic trends of the 1920’s.

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| Positive Economic trends of the decade | Negative Economic trends of the decade |
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**City Life in the Jazz Age**

1. Where do more then half the U.S. population live?
2. How did women rebel against the social conformity of the 1920’s (give examples)?

1. How and why did the family change?
2. What theme was embodied in F. Scott Fitzgerald readings (The Great Gatsby)?

1. Why did crime rise drastically during the 1920’s?

1. What did Lewis Allen mean by claiming the 1920’s as the “Ballyhoo years”?

1. Explain how Victorian standards began to crumble?
2. Explain the type of literature that was popular and visible during the 1920’s?
3. How did art and music make significant advancements?
4. Define the Harlem Renaissance:

**The Rural Counterattack**

1. List what was linked with urban culture that led to the rise of conformity?
2. Explain the “Red Scare”?
3. How did people feel about the government’s role of dealing with suspected anarchists?
4. What was the Volstead Act of 1920?
5. Where did the U.S. see resistance to the 18th Amendment?
6. Why was the Ku Klux Klan able to gain power?
7. Which groups of immigrants did the National Origins Quota Act favor? Who was exempt from the Act?
8. What were the reasons for the Scopes Trial?

**Politics of the 1920’s**

1. How did the three GOP presidents of the 1920’s view the relationship of government and business?
2. Who benefited the most from the tax reduction policy of the Republican Party?
3. Why did the Democratic Party split?